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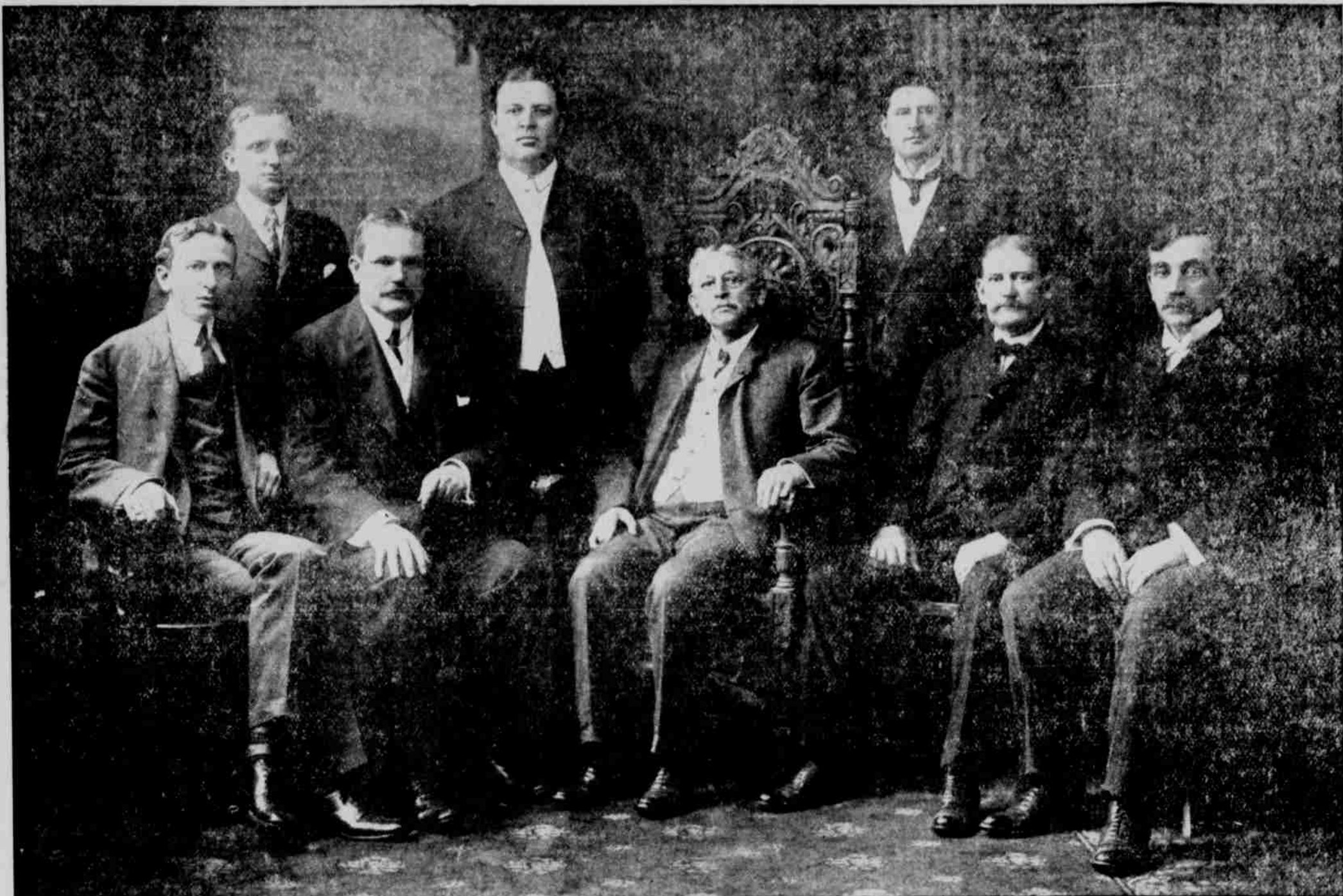
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ILL LESS THAN A WEEK.

W. A. Thomas Succumbs to Pneumonia After Short Illness of Six Days and Passed Away.

After a short illness of six days, W. A. Thomas died at his home in Alma on Tuesday morning of this week of pneumonia. The deceased had not been in good health for some time, and in fact had never fully recovered from an attack of pneumonia two years ago. However, he kept at his duties and one week ago Tuesday was obliged to take to his bed and the doctor was called for the first time, although he had commenced to spit blood before he arrived. He rapidly began to get worse and the end came as stated above. Funeral services were held from the M. E. church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of the G. A. R., although the members of the other orders to which he belonged, attended in a body to pay their last respect to their deceased brother. Interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

Mr. Thomas was born in Fabius, N. Y., March 31, 1844. He was married to Miss Mary Datcher November 14, 1871, who with two sons, Clark and Lester, survive him. Twenty-two years ago he moved to Alma and located on the little piece of land south of the river where he resided at the time of his death. Shortly after coming to Alma he had the misfortune to get his hand caught in a machine at Hamlin & Green's hoop mill, in operation at that time, mauling the member so that it was found necessary to have it amputated just above the wrist. After the accident Mr. Thomas turned his attention to garden farming on the land owned by him, which proved to be well adapted for the purpose. Later he erected a greenhouse and branched out into that business, but last fall he disposed of that part of his property owing to the condition of his health. For a number of years he had the care of the cemetery and the many improvements made in this silent city of the dead have nearly all been accomplished under his personal supervision.

Mr. Thomas served through the civil war and was a pensioner of the government. He was a member of six fraternal societies, the G. A. R., N. L. V. S., I. O. O. F., Encampment, Rebekahs and the I. O. F., holding a \$3,000 insurance policy in the last named. He was a man who always was ready to befriend a person in need, and his numerous friends in Alma can testify to the many deeds of kindness that came from him un solicited.

"THE SLEEPING CITY."

The Tuxedo Stock Company Will Present this Beautiful and Emotional Piece.

"The Sleeping City" is an emotional play written expressly for Miss Anna Lovering, leading woman of the Tuxedo Stock Company. It is a story of New York and the life of a dashing society woman in that "city of sighs and tears." The story is told simply and beautifully. It will be well staged and beautifully costumed. The company will present it on the second night of their engagement in Alma, the last three nights of next week.

Dr. Wender's Treatment.

Spring for the blood; Cures for skin eruptions, etc.

IT WAS A FINE CONCERT.

Some Time Before an Alma Audience Will Again be Greeted with a Good Home Talent Musical Organization.

The orchestra concert given at the opera house last Monday night assumed the nature of a very agreeable surprise to those few who were fortunate enough to be in attendance. It has been some time since as good an array of musical talent of local note has appeared in public, and it is doubtful if there will be a like opportunity presented for some time in the future. Like all pieces of this size, it is very difficult to hold such an organization together. Musicians come and musicians go, with the result that at times it is a hard matter to keep up the semblance of an organization, and then again there will be a period when there will be a number of first-class artists banded together for their mutual benefit. Such was the organization that greeted those present at the concert Monday night. Almost without exception the personnel of the orchestra from a musical standpoint was without criticism, and under the able direction of Mr. H. G. Palfrey, had been brought up to a point of perfection that would be difficult to excel.

All of the numbers were rendered so well that it would be hard to select the most pleasing, although perhaps that of the "Past and Present," by Suppe, "The Tenderfoot," by Hearty, and the "Lizette" waltzes, the last a beautiful orchestra arrangement of Mr. Palfrey's own composition, appeared the strongest to the musical fancy of the audience. The reading of "Robert, King of Sicily," by Lillian McCullough-Palfrey, was heartily appreciated and loudly cheered, to which the reader responded in a pleasing manner. The trombone solo, "Evening Star," by Wagner, played by Jay Jacobs, was a beautiful selection and perfectly rendered. Mr. Jacobs was heartily cheered and was also obliged to respond. Dr. G. S. Browning was at his best in the baritone solo, "Good Night, Beloved, Good Night," by Oliver, and he completely captivated his hearers. He was obliged to answer an encore and sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" in an exceedingly pleasing manner.

The small attendance was no doubt owing to the extreme cold weather and a number of other counter attractions.

WILL GO TO DETROIT.

Former Manager of the Central Michigan Produce Co. Will Engage in Business There.

F. W. Brown, of Ithaca, formerly manager of the Central Michigan Produce Co., has purchased the well equipped commission house at 55 Cadillac square, Detroit, which will hereafter be known as the F. W. Brown Produce Co. H. L. Nelson, son-in-law of Mr. Brown, who is well and favorably known throughout central Michigan, will be associated with him in the business. The firm will be ready for business March 1. Mr. Brown is one of the best known produce men in Michigan, having conducted a produce house in Ithaca for many years.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c

AN OLD SETTLER CALLED TO REST.

Mrs. Mary A. Ransom Died in Alma Thursday Morning of Last Week.

DECEASED WAS IN HER 81ST YEAR.

Members of the W. R. C. Attended the Funeral at the Late Residence on Sunday.

One by one the old pioneers of Gratiot are passing away and in a few years only their memory will be left to the younger generation which has taken their place.

The last of those earlier settlers to answer the call of the Master was Mrs. Mary A. Ransom, who passed peacefully away at her late home on State-st. Thursday morning of last week. The deceased was in her 81st year and had lived here the greater part of her life. The funeral



MRS. MARY A. RANSOM.

al was held at the residence on Sunday, the W. R. C. of which she was a charter member and an enthusiastic worker, attending in a body. The remains were interred in the Riverside cemetery.

Mary A. Foller was born in Coonsecant, Ohio, July 12, 1823. When quite young she moved with her parents to Geneva, O., and resided there until she married Garret Weaver, December 25, 1842. Four children were born to them, three sons and one daughter, all of whom preceded their mother to the grave. The daughter, Ella, died January 3, 1863, when 11 years old of diphtheria; the eldest son, Henry, was killed at the battle of the Wilderness May 6, 1864, at the age of 21; the second son was killed by a tree falling on him while working in

the lumber woods March 14, 1878, in the 33rd year of his life, while Charles, the third and last son, died March 26, 1885, at the age of 32. Garret Weaver, the husband, suffered a stroke of paralysis and was made an invalid for 11 years when he died August 12, 1884, at the age of 72. After the death of her husband and last son, Mrs. Weaver lived alone and was in poor health for a number of years. February 8, 1898, she was married to Miles A. Ransom, who survives her.

Mrs. Ransom moved to Arcadia township with her first husband in 1856 and settled near Alma when there were only four or five houses in existence here, and the surrounding country was nothing but a forest. She saw all the hardships of a pioneer's life and lived to see the forests disappear, beautiful farms and villages growing up in their places. She lived a life that was full of good deeds and kind thoughts, and now that she has gone to her final reward, her presence will be missed by those who loved and respected her.

WILL SOON LEAVE FOR THE WEST.

Party of Twenty or Thirty from Gratiot Expects to go About the 5th of March.

Eugene Bogart expects to leave about the 5th of March with a party of Gratiot people, numbering twenty or thirty, on a prospecting trip to the west. Some will go to Washington, others Oregon and possibly a few to California with the intention of locating there if satisfactory location can be found.

The party will leave Alma in a special dining and sleeping car over the Ann Arbor and then over the Wabash to St. Louis, Mo., from there west over the Missouri Pacific. After leaving St. Louis the car will be at the disposal of the party and stopover privileges will be accorded them at any point. It will be made a pleasure trip as well as a prospecting one. From Alma the car will be in charge of R. S. Greenwood, that prince of good fellows known as the central Michigan passenger agent of the Wabash, who will see to the comfort and welfare of the tourists as far as St. Louis, and from there he will be ably succeeded by H. D. Armstrong, the traveling passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific, who will see that nothing is left undone to make the journey as pleasant as possible.

IS 81 YEARS OF AGE.

Widow of the Founder of Alma Celebrates the Event in a Quiet Way at Home of her Daughter.

Mrs. Ralph Ely, widow of Gen. Ralph Ely, the founder of Alma, celebrated her 81st birthday on Wednesday of this week in a quiet manner at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George H. Royce, on State-st. Thus has another milestone been passed in the life of the pioneer resident of our village. She who braved the hardships of the first white woman to call this place her home, is now lovingly cared for by her children who have grown up around her.

Cheap Lanus in the South.

Low rates on first and third Tuesdays of each month to May 1st for home seekers and settlers. Write Jno. M. Beall, M. & O. R. R., St. Louis, Mo. stating to what point you want rates.

KERNEN SOLD DRAY LINE.

Two Gentlemen from near Ashley Assumed Possession Monday Morning of this Week.

On Monday morning of this week, two gentlemen from near Ashley, John Tobey and Geo. Duncan by name, took possession of the F. C. Kernen dray line and the business connected therewith, they having bargained for it some few weeks previous. They expect to put on another dray as soon as spring commences and business opens up, and will make a hustle for the greater portion of the draying in Alma. The mail and express contracts were also transferred to the new firm as well as the oil delivery for Dean & Co. of Ann Arbor.

This is the oldest dray line in Alma and was established by E. N. Chadwick several years ago. Mr. Kernen relinquishes a good business, but feels that a change will work for the better, although he is at present undecided as to what he will engage in.

ALMA DOGS "IT" AGAIN.

All Were Awarded First Prize in Every Class Entered at the Bench Show in Detroit this Week.

At the bench show in Detroit this week, dogs that Alma parties are interested in again captured all the prizes worth mentioning in their respective classes. Opdyke & Thompson's dogs, Bill Brady and Highland Dan, walked away with firsts, while Iva B., P. T. Banghart's setter, got a couple of firsts, in two entries, and Montague & Sprague's female Gordon setter, Bellevue, walked away with a first. The dog fanciers at the state fair or doubtfully form an opinion that Alma is a place where fine spring dogs are owned if many more bench shows are held this year.

"A WISE TRAMP."

Weary Willie and a Strong Cast in Comedy.

"A Wise Tramp" a noteworthy success and a real novelty, supported by the Clement Vaudeville Co., will be seen at the opera house Saturday night, Feb. 20, and we are assured that it has all the elements of merriment, comic situations and character that are necessary to command popular favor. The sale of seats are now on at Sharrar & Mulholland's. Among the leaders are Chas. H. France, James O. Beard, Will Walbourne, Harry Clement, Lue Whitney, Margaret Compton and the petite Adams Sisters, who are players of original methods and unmistakable talent, a sort of May Irwin, more or less theatricalized and refined and with altogether charming personality. Prices are 15, 25 and 35.

You Cannot Change.

the course of a storm by tearing down the signals that give warning of its approach. Neither can you cure a cold by temporarily stopping a cough with opium-laden "medicines." Allen's Lung Balsam, in which there is no opium, cures sore throats and sore lungs because it allays the inflammation and rids you of the mucus that stops up the air passages.